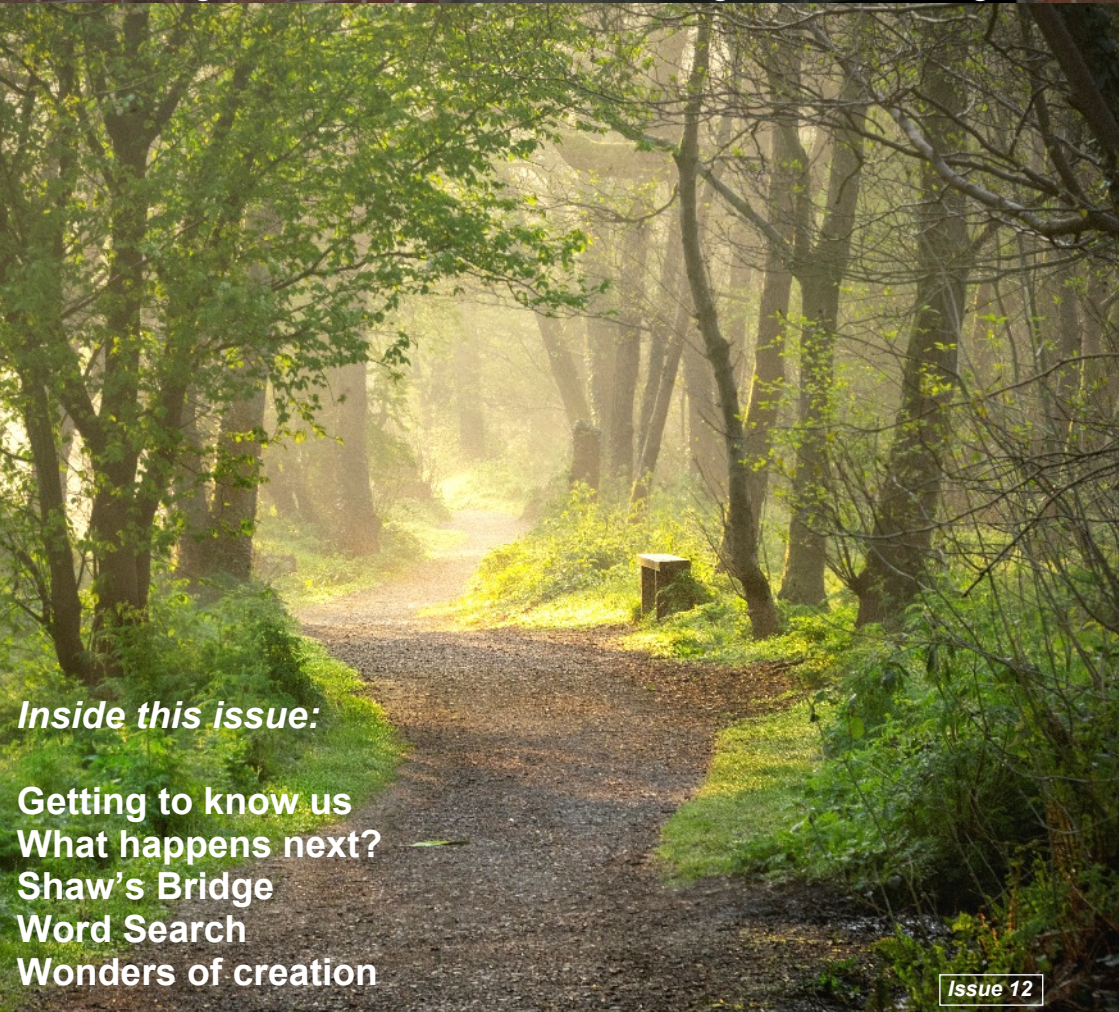


# LIFE & LIGHT

NEWTOWNBREA  
GOSPEL HALL

A magazine to teach, inform, challenge and encourage



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A wise man will hear, and will increase learning;  
and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:  
Proverbs 1:5



## *Welcome to Life & Light magazine!*

Produced by Christians who meet in Newtownbreda Gospel Hall

*But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear (1 Peter 3:15).*

## *Every Little Helps*

Faith makes our paths a little clearer  
Hope makes our lives a little brighter  
Love makes our friends a little dearer  
Joy makes our hearts a little lighter  
Peace makes us all a little nearer

But having the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour  
isn't just a little bit better, it is essential!

### **Acts 4:12**

Neither is there salvation in any other:  
for there is none other name under heaven given among men  
whereby we must be saved.

*To every thing there is a season,  
and a time to every purpose under the heaven*  
*Ecclesiastes 3:1*





# JESUS CHRIST IS LORD.

*Philippians 2:11*

## Getting to know us!

As the date on the front of the building shows, Newtownbreda Gospel Hall was built in the village in the year 1957. The work commenced with 35 members. Over the years the numbers have varied; in the 1970's there were more than 100 in fellowship. When the gospel work commenced, the community was very close-knit, everyone knowing their neighbours. Their lives were centred around their local church and the school. Today with the large housing developments in the Newton Park/Four Winds area and the Belvoir Estate, there is not the same contact with neighbours and people live very different lives.



One of the challenges for us in these times is to provide a safe and positive environment, where people are valued in every respect as God intended. Provision is made by us for the physical as well as the spiritual wellbeing and development of every person who comes into the hall in accordance with the teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We believe there is a spiritual and moral obligation upon us to provide the highest possible standard of care for people and especially children who are entrusted to us and we also have a legal obligation when we accept children into our care to keep them safe.

It is our privilege and joy to serve the Lord in this area, doing His will in seeking the eternal blessing of all in the district.

**God our Saviour, who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. 1st Timothy 2:4**



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Every Sunday from 3-3:45pm  
September to June

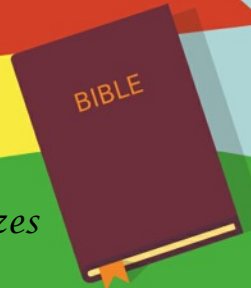
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*Songs*

*Prizes*

*Bible Lessons*



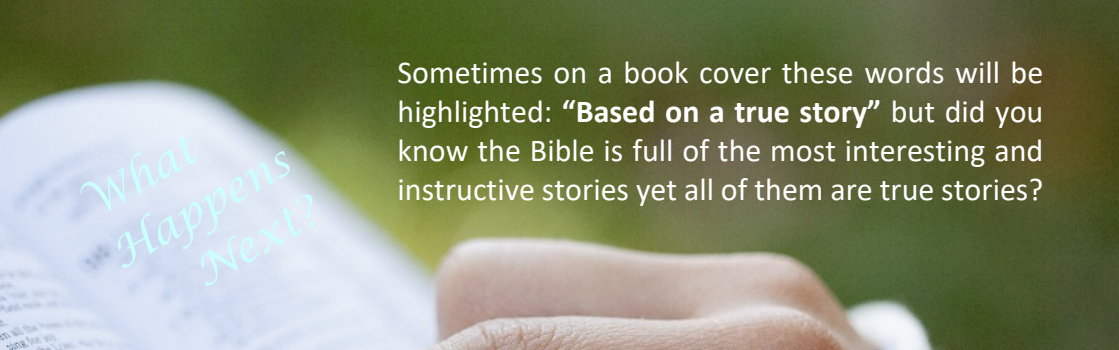
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*Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life"*  
*John 14:6*



Sometimes on a book cover these words will be highlighted: **“Based on a true story”** but did you know the Bible is full of the most interesting and instructive stories yet all of them are true stories?

Here is a story in the Bible that we would encourage you to read to find out what happens next

There is a great passage in the Bible that tells of the king of Syria being at war with Israel. After conferring with his officers, he said, “I will set up my camp in such and such a place.” However, God’s prophet Elisha sent word to the king of Israel: “Beware of passing that place, because the Syrians are going down there.” So the king of Israel checked on the place indicated by the man of God. Time and again Elisha warned the king, and saved him from the Syrian army.

This enraged the king of Syria. He summoned his officers and demanded of them, “Tell me! Which of us is on the side of the king of Israel?”

“None of us, my lord the king,” said one of his officers, “but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the very words you speak in your bedroom.”

“Go, find out where he is,” the king ordered, “so I can send men and capture him.”

Read the very interesting story of what happened next in 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings ch.6



Believe





There was a shallow ford at this point in the river Lagan which had been a crossing point since early times. It is believed that a bridge has been there since 1617. Cromwell came to this area during his time in Ireland and in 1655 Captain John Shaw from Cromwell's army built an oak bridge. In 1698 it was replaced with a stone bridge, again built by the army, but was swept away. In 1709 the current bridge was built. Shaw's Bridge is a very important structure as it carried what was then the main road to Dublin and to other parts of Ireland.

In 1976 the new concrete bridge was built.



Just as a bridge connects things together, so the Lord Jesus came from heaven to connect us with God.

For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus who gave himself a ransom for all.

1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 2:5-6





## Memory Verse

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,  
and a light unto my path.

Psalm 119:105

## Bible Wordsearch

A	E	E	O	G	S	T	U	S
L	C	O	O	I	S	N	U	R
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### 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 3:18

For **Christ** also hath **once suffered** for **sins**, the **just** for the **unjust**, that he might bring us to **God**, being put to death in the **flesh**, but quickened by the **Spirit**..

FIND THE WORDS MARKED IN **RED** IN THE WORDSEARCH!

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name  
under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Acts 4:12



## Bought with a Price

Bought with a price, O what a price! 'Twas Jesus' precious blood  
That bought our pardon, cleansed our sin and brought us nigh to God  
'Twas not the blood of calves or goats, that bought our pardon free  
But Jesus Christ's own precious blood, shed forth at Calvary

For gold or silver would not do, redemption's price to pay;  
Nought but his own most precious blood, could wash our sins away  
No other Name, no other way, for sin could ere atone  
So Jesus shed His precious blood, which saves and He alone

'Twas matchless love that moved His heart to take the sinner's place  
For us, to suffer on the cross, 'Twas wondrous matchless grace  
Bought with a price, a costly price, the Holy Lamb of God  
So willingly laid down His life, redeemed us by His blood

To Him who washed us in His blood, to Him be glory given  
Who paid the ransom, cleansed our sin and purchased us for heaven  
Thou holy, spotless Lamb of God, we worship and adore  
Our praises and thanksgivings bring, to thee forevermore



# Do it Yourself



In the UK there are over 6000 DIY stores.

DIY (do it yourself) is very popular in gardening, in home improvement and even in religion!

In the Bible there are many who failed at DIY religion:

**Genesis 4:** Cain failed at personal DIY religion.

**Genesis 11:** At Babel they failed at collective DIY religion.

**Leviticus 10:** Nadab & Abihu failed at a DIY priesthood.

**1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 13:** Saul failed at a DIY Kingdom.

**Philippians 3:** Paul failed at DIY righteousness.

Although it's not called DIY religion, in reality those who want to either add or exchange their own efforts for being accepted by God are ignoring the finished work of Christ!

God's Word proclaims:

For by grace are ye saved through faith;  
and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God  
not of works, lest any man should boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9





## The Stingray

The sleeker the design, the faster the speed is a general rule for trains, planes, and automobiles. So why the bulging eyes and protruding mouth of the sleek-swimming stingray?

Hyung Jin Sung and his colleagues at the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology in South Korea have an answer: the bulging eyes and mouth create vortices that put pressure toward the back and sides of the stingray while creating low-pressure areas above and in front. What intuitively seems like a design flaw is actually a boost to the stingray's speed.

Such findings could aid in the design of next-generation watercraft. The more we study God's brilliant designs, the more inspiration and ideas we discover even in surprising places.

O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!  
Romans 11:33



# Gospel Truths

Who are we?

- God created us for His glory.
- **Isaiah 43:5-7**
- Every human should live for God's glory.
- **1 Corinthians 10:31**
- We have all sinned and come short of God's glory.
- **Romans 3:23**
- We all deserve eternal punishment.
- **Romans 6:23**
- In His great mercy, God sent forth His only Son Jesus Christ to provide for sinners the way of eternal life.
- **John 3:16**

We are a group of born-again Christians who consider the Bible to be the inspired and infallible Word of God. We endeavour to follow the New Testament example of gathering to the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. We come from different nationalities and walks of life, with the common bond of having a personal knowledge of Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

## Times of our regular meetings:

### Sunday:

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| 11.00 am | Breaking of Bread (weekly)               |
| 3.00 pm  | Sunday School & Bible Classes (Sep-June) |
| 6.30 pm  | Prayer Meeting (weekly)                  |
| 7.00 pm  | Gospel Meeting (weekly)                  |

### Tuesday:

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| 7.30 pm | Purdysburn Gospel Hour (in Purdysburn Village)<br>(1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday in each month, October-March) |
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### Thursday:

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| 7.45 pm | Prayer meeting & Bible Reading (weekly) |
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